

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 21-29 are under examination in the application. The Final Office Action mailed on May 13, 2009 includes the following objections and rejections:

1. Claims 21-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, written description.

The claims have been amended to recite that the step in the carbonator is at least 700°C, which is supported throughout the specification as filed, e.g., page 15 and claim 3 as originally filed.

Claims 21-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, written description.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 21-29 as amended fully comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The Office Action rejects claims 21-29 on the grounds that the original disclosure does not have support for this temperature range of at least 600°C. Applicants have amended the claims to render the rejection moot.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 21-29 are in condition for allowance, and an early Notice of Allowance of all pending claims is respectfully solicited.

This paper is being filed with all required fees; however, if any additional fees are necessary the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for an extension of time, to Chalker Flores, LLP's Deposit Account No. 50-4863.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, or if further clarification is required, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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